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This is regarding Docket #98N-1038 "Irradiation in the production, processing and handling of food."

Irradiated Food should be labeled appropriately with clear wording such as "irradiation" or "irriadiated" and the use of the radura aymbol. Alternative terms such as "cold pasteurization" and "electronic pasteurization" are misleading and should not be used. The absence of a statement would be misleading because irradiation destroys vitamins and causes changes in sensory and spoilage qualities that are not obvious or expected by the consumer.

It is our right as citizens and consumers to know what we are buying and eating!!!!!!!

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